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## ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL McGRAW FILES PETITION TO ENFORCE SUBPOENA AGAINST CASEY COBBS, A KANAWHA COUNTY RESIDENT SELLING BOGUS ADVERTISING SPACE

Attorney General Darrell McGraw's Consumer Protection Division filed a Petition to Enforce an Investigative Subpoena against Casey Cobbs, d/b/a American Marketing Concepts and C.L. Cobbs Promotions. Cobbs is a Charleston, West Virginia man purporting to sell advertising space on various restaurant place mats. The petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

The Attorney General's office began investigating Casey Cobbs after receiving complaints that he was selling advertising space on restaurant place mats when the place mats did not in fact exist. On June 22, 2005, the Attorney General's office issued an investigative subpoena for Mr. Cobbs' records, but he failed to even respond to the subpoena. The Attorney General's office then delayed the investigation while Mr. Cobbs was detained by the Kanawha County Prosecutor's Office on other criminal matters.

The petition asks the court to issue an order compelling Mr. Cobbs to comply with the subpoena.

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